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The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2395; Driving; Boating; Under the Influence

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2395, the bill that proposed numerous changes to Arizona's driving and boating under the influence laws. One of the key changes would reduce the length of time a person must use an ignition interlock device after a conviction for driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs. House Bill 2395 would reduce that time period from 12 months to six months.

It has been less than a year since Arizona enacted the current interlock device law. I join with Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and Students Against Drunk Drivers in their belief that requirements to use ignition interlock devices have a deterrent effect on decisions to drive under the influence. Some disagree and believe the penalty is too harsh and the benefit to public safety is too low. No one can be sure because the law is so new. Under these circumstances, it would be premature to change the law, before we have had a chance to examine its effects.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2395.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano".

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Timothy S. Bee